

DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Director's request I advised Bob Macy that Mr. Dulles was writing a memorandum to the President on the general subject of "subversive activities", that he probably would not complete it for a couple of weeks, and that it would deal with our assets, as well as our limitations, and talk about limited money. However, I stated that Mr. Dulles did not want the Bureau to think that this was in the nature of a complaint about the Budget. Bob said that he thought it was a very good idea for the Director to do this.

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2. I advised [REDACTED] that I would need a few days to prepare my comments on Bob Amory's paper recommending the transfer of the Department of State's Biographic Register to OCR. Bob Amory called me later in the day, seemed surprised to know that I had the paper and wanted me to get my comments in immediately. I told him that I would submit them as soon as I possibly could but that had he not deliberately tried to get the Director to sign off on this without my knowledge and had he coordinated with us in the first place as he should have done we could have had our comments ready to go forward simultaneously with his own. I did tell him, however, that I would get my comments to the Director sometime next week. (I have assigned [REDACTED] to prepare a paper on this subject for me.)

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3. [REDACTED] was up to talk to me about fixing up the top floor of the [REDACTED] for some of his Communications units which will not go into the new building. It will cost an estimated \$80,000. I told him to give me a memorandum and that I would get the Director to sign off on it. (I see no reason why we should go through the Project Review Committee for this particular project.)

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4. Larry Houston advised me that Dick Bissell had called to comment on his memorandum which resulted from Dick's request that the Director delegate to him the authority to sign off on projects involving the transfer of funds from other governmental agencies without any limitation. Larry said that Dick had decided to drop this request.

5. Bob Amory telephoned to say that after looking at their budget in NPIC they could give us \$600,000 which would in fact make it unnecessary to request the \$600,000 from the Reserve. Inasmuch as we already have approval for the \$600,000 Reserve item I told Bob that I would accept the \$600,000 and use it within the Agency in whatever way we saw fit. (I must pass this on to Ed Saunders. If we have not bought all of the unitized furniture we need for the new building this would be a good purpose for which to use this money.)

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7. I have asked [REDACTED] to draft a memorandum for my signature recommending the award of the Intelligence Medal of Merit for [REDACTED]

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10. Shef also talked with me about the lack of protection which we are furnishing the Director. He really feels that we are not complying with the spirit of the NSC Directive and that due to some of the sensitive operations which we have going on now and the strong feeling against them we ought to be providing more. I agreed to have lunch with him on Monday to discuss this subject further.

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